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Small Grain Production

UTAH: Utah production for barley and oats for the 2005 crop year is down from last year. However, production for all wheat, winter wheat, and other spring wheat is up from 2004. Yields were down from the 2004 levels for barley and oats; all wheat and winter wheat were up, and other spring wheat was the same.

In Utah, **barley** harvested for grain acres were down from 40,000 acres in 2004 to 24,000 acres this year. Yield was down from 86 bushels per acre in 2004 to 80 bushels per acre. Production for 2005 is 1.92 million bushels, down 1.52 million bushels from 2004. **Winter wheat** harvested at 130,000 acres, was up 10,000 acres from 2004 and production, at 6,110,000 bushels, was 950,000 bushels higher than 2004. Yield at 47 bushels per acre, was 4 bushels per acre higher than last year. **Other spring wheat** harvested acres was 13,000 acres, 1,000 more than 2004. Production was 754,000 bushels, 8 percent higher than 2004. The yield of 58 bushels per acre was the same as last year. The 2005 production of **oats for grain** was down 18 percent from 2004 to 511,000 bushels. Growers harvested 7,000 acres at an average yield of 73 bushels per acre, 5 bushels per acre less than 2004.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** production totaled 2.10 billion bushels in 2005, down 3 percent from the last forecast and 3 percent below 2004. Grain area is 50.0 million acres, down fractionally from last year. The U.S.

yield is 42.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel below the August forecast and down 1.2 bushels from a year ago. The level of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down slightly; other spring wheat, 504 million bushels, down 11 percent; Durum wheat, 100 million bushels, up 11 percent. **Oat** production is estimated at 115 million bushels, 10 percent below the August 1 forecast and 1 percent below last year's 116 million bushels. The estimated yield is 63.1 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from August and also down 1.6 bushels from a year ago. Compared with last year, yields declined in all States except for those in the Southeast, central and northern Great Plains, and the middle Mississippi Valley. Harvested area is 1.82 million acres, 8 percent below the August 1 forecast but 2 percent above last year. **Barley** production is estimated at 212 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 24 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 64.8 bushels, is down 3.4 bushels from the previous forecast and 4.8 bushels below 2004. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.28 million acres, down 6 percent from August and 19 percent below a year ago. Area harvested for grain is the lowest since 1890, while production is the lowest since 1936. Area planted, area harvested, and production are down from last year in the 13 largest-producing States. However, the U.S. yield is the second highest on record and the yield for Colorado and Maryland are at record highs.